

to the Presidents of the United States and Mexico, proposed by Señor Pacheco, Minister of Public Works.

In the hall the flags of the United States and Mexico were hoisted, and bands played the national airs of both countries.

#### IRISH CRIMES AND POLITICS.

DUBLIN, May 12.—The inquiry in the case of P. N. Fitzgerald and eleven others charged with being involved in the murder of landowners and others, was resumed to-day at the strength of the testimony of the witnesses. The case was heard by the criminal trial-master of the Dublin assizes. The case was heard by the criminal trial-master of the Dublin assizes.

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#### MATTERS RELATING TO CUBA.

##### OPERATIONS OF AGUERO-SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

HAVANA, May 12.—The insurgents under Agüero continue to hold their own and every day the papers are publishing reports of the capture of other bands in different parts of the island, of whose existence before the public knew nothing. As regards Agüero people say he must be an exceptional person whom the Government does not wish to work.

Accounts from Spain are to the effect that the dealers and exporters of flour in that country are satisfied with the commercial arrangements made by the United States and Spain as far as the trade in flour is concerned. The committee of the United States, however, is not satisfied with the arrangements made by the United States and Spain as far as the trade in flour is concerned.

#### CHRISTIANS KILLED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, May 12.—Advices from Durban, South Africa, state that on May 4 a band of the Zulus attacked the congregation of worshippers at the Wesleyan Mission station at that place. The Zulus were armed with spears and assegais and killed several of the Christians who were present.

#### NEWS NOTES FROM LONDON.

THE RIGHT TO PRODUCE A PLAY.—The Court of Appeal has decided that the performance of the play "Our Boys" at Guy's Hospital, when no tickets were sold, did not infringe upon the copyright held by the owner of the play.

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#### LOTTO IN A NEW PLAY.

LONDON, May 12.—Lotto produced "Ninotchka" at the Opera Comique to-night. The house was only three-quarters filled. The actress received her share of applause throughout the entire performance.

#### BISMARCK'S RETIREMENT SANCTIONED.

BERLIN, May 12.—The long contemplated retirement of Prince Bismarck from the Prussian Ministry has finally received the consent of the Emperor William.

#### A SCHOONER SUNK IN A COLLISION.

MONTREAL, May 12.—Captain Anderson, of the Norwegian bark Venus, from London, arrived at Quebec, Quebec, on May 10. The ship was disabled by a collision with a small boat.

#### FRAGMENTS OF CABLE NEWS.

PARIS, May 12.—The Prefect of the Seine proposes a municipal loan of 800,000 francs to be used in the construction of the new bridge over the Seine.

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## THE HEWITT TARIFF BILL.

### ITS PROVISIONS EXCITE SURPRISE.

#### A MEASURE NOT MUCH LESS OBJECTIONABLE THAN THE DEAD MORRISON BILL—HORIZONTAL REDUCTION NOT ABANDONED.

##### (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

WASHINGTON, May 12.—When the Morrison bill was introduced the business and industrial interests of the country drew a breath of relief. It was supposed that a period of rest from agitation had been commenced, and that business and industry would be allowed to get on their feet. But it seems that a mistake has been made, and that Congress adjourns the legislative agitation must continue.

The bill brought in by Abram S. Hewitt to-day, and referred to the Ways and Means Committee, will be found to contain most of the objectionable features of the Morrison bill, and to be in some respects even more objectionable than that measure. For many weeks it has been known to his colleagues in the Ways and Means Committee that Mr. Hewitt, as one of a sub-committee appointed for that purpose, was engaged in the preparation of a bill which, as he repeatedly asserted and as they all believed and understood, was designed simply to remove certain obscurities and improve the administration of the customs service.

It seems that when he called Chairman Morrison and others of his colleagues into a conference so late as Saturday night Mr. Hewitt had not yet fully decided what was best to be done; for his plan then was to reduce the rates in schedule D—sugar—30 per cent, whereas the bill he offered to-day provides for a reduction of 10 per cent in schedule D—sugar—while it cuts the rates 20 per cent in schedule P—tobacco. To say that the Republican members of the committee were surprised by the action of Mr. Hewitt and his Democratic colleagues is to put it mildly. For the members of a majority of the committee to hold a caucus for the purpose of agreeing to a tariff bill before it has been brought before the committee at all, and with a view to forcing it through the committee without amendment, is something unheard of in the history of the Ways and Means Committee.

For members of the majority of that committee to do still further and declare, as some of them are forced to do to-day, that the bill shall be forced through the House in a like manner, is still more outrageous. The bill as first printed for Mr. Hewitt's use, was entitled "A bill to modify existing laws relating to duties on imports and their collection," and it related mainly to those subjects. As offered to-day it is entitled "A bill to modify existing laws relating to duties on imports and internal revenue taxes and to enlarge the free list." The first part is designed to simplify the administration of the customs laws, while the last part will add new complications. The section which prohibits the importation of certain articles, and which is added to the bill, is a provision that if such articles are found in packages of articles not prohibited, and it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the customs officers that the prohibited articles were put into such packages by accident or innocent design, the remainder of the goods may be admitted to entry. The "Statute" section is shortened and amended so as to provide that on all non-enumerated articles coming from two or more countries, the duty shall be the highest rate on the component material of chief value which shall be the component equal to or exceeding the total value of all the others. The old provisions relating to "material, quality, texture and use" and to any non-enumerated articles, which equally resembles two or more enumerated articles, are not included in the Hewitt bill.

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## EDWARDS BADLY BATTERED.

### FLOORED REPEATEDLY BY MITCHELL.

#### CAPTAIN WILLIAMS STOPS THE FIGHT IN THE THIRD ROUND.

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